

IRS**News Release****Media Relations Office****Washington, D.C.****Tel. 202.622.4000****For Release: 10/04/01****Release No: IR-2001-95****Lois G. Lerner Joins IRS as Director of Exempt Organizations, Rulings and Agreements**

WASHINGTON – Lois G. Lerner has joined the Internal Revenue Service as Director of Rulings and Agreements for Exempt Organizations, part of the IRS's Tax Exempt and Government Entities division (TE/GE). Lerner comes to the IRS from the Federal Election Commission (FEC), where she most recently served as Acting General Counsel. Before December 2000, she served as Associate General Counsel for Enforcement at the FEC.

In her new post, Lerner will oversee almost 300 employees in the Washington and Cincinnati offices of Exempt Organizations. Employees in these offices are responsible for operating the Exempt Organizations determination letter program, providing guidance and rulings to the public, and providing technical assistance to IRS agents who conduct examinations of tax-exempt organizations.

"We are extraordinarily fortunate that Lois agreed to join our team," said Steven T. Miller, Director of Exempt Organizations. "She brings exactly the kind of decision-making skills and management expertise we need. I expect her to have an immediate impact on our determination letter program and to make guidance a priority in the coming year."

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